GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:78
ANSWERED ON:20.11.2007
EXPORT OF MINERALS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of minerals procured by the central agencies from different States, particularly from Chhattisgarh for export during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the State-wise quantity of these minerals exported during the said period;

(c) whether any assessment of the export capacity of the States including Chhattisgarh has been made and the same has been exploited; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.78 FOR ANSWER ON 20TH NOVEMBER, 2007 REGARDING `EXPORT OF MINERALS`

(a)&(b)Details of minerals procured by MMTC Limited for exports from different states including Chhattisgarh during the last three years and the current year (upto October, 2007) are as under:-

(Qty: Lakh tonnes)

Mineral/State	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08 (Prov) (Apr-Oct.07)
IRON ORE				
Chhattisgarh	47.61	47.11	26.56	15.93
Karnataka/ Goa	59.18	45.77	46.13	27.41
Orissa/Jharkhand	12.42	7.92	8.74	3.91
Total	119.21	100.80	81.43	47.25
MANGANESE ORE				
Karnataka	1.47	1.13	1.06	0.52
Andhra Pradesh	0.97	0.44	0.34	0.55
Jharkhand	0.61	0.18	0.30	0.10
Orissa	0.28	0.60	-	-
Total	3.33	2.35	1.70	1.17
CHROME ORE				
Orissa	4.40	4.60	3.95	1.55
Total	4.40	4.60	3.95	1.55

Details of iron ore procured by STC Ltd., STCL Ltd. and PEC Ltd. are as under:-

(Qty: Lakh tonnes)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08 (Prov) (Apr-Oct. 07)
STC	N.A.	3.98	2.17	1.97
STCL	0.08	0.35	5.57	2.27
PEC	8.89	6.57	3.21	0.68

Source of procurement for STC, STCL and PEC are Jharkhand, Orissa, Goa and Karnataka.

(c)&(d) It is not feasible to work out the export potential of any state as minerals are used in various parts of the country based on commercial factors. As far as Manganese Ore and Chrome Ore are concerned, there are already quantitative restrictions on their export keeping in view the domestic demand for these minerals. As regards Iron Ore, Government permits export of iron ore with iron content upto 64% without canalization. While export of iron ore with more than 64% iron content is canalised through MMTC Limited, Government permits export of iron ore fines with more than 64% iron ore against licence by private mine owners/ leaseholders. However, the High Level Committee on National Mineral Policy has concluded that there is no need to impose any quantitative restrictions on exports but that the position should be revisited after 10 years.